

DRAFT "Chollas Creek Restoration Project at Youth Park Design Suggestions"

[Based on Community Input at the August 31, 2004 Public Meeting]

NOTE: Several comment areas, such as: art, landscaping, trails, and environmental education, relate to subjects addressed in the Chollas Creek Enhancement Program. A copy of this document will be available at future community meetings. This document may also be viewed on the internet at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/easternarea/index.shtml>

- **Overall Design Scheme** -- *See also: "Community Workshop Issues and Vision" developed for Chollas Creek Enhancement Program (pages 9-18)*
 - Keep in mind greater vision for the Creek- Connectivity
 - Continuous Chollas Creek Theme Unique to the Community
 - Recognize past & present culture; stops along trail with different info (plaques)
- **Art** -- *See also the "Public Art Opportunities" in the Chollas Creek Enhancement Program, pages 47-53*
 - statues for significant community members to emphasize culture (Caesar Chavez, Martin Luther King, etc)
 - remember and honor the Kumeyaay culture
 - native art (local)
 - artwork in the cement wall (the one in the creek to remain)
 - form a selection committee
- **Wildlife/Environmental Education**
 - recruit schools (elementary), churches, adults to participate
 - nature appreciation classes (volunteers to provide nature walks)
 - The above comments may also be sources for stewardship/maintenance
- **Signage**
 - warning signs in different languages (with pictures or universal signs)
 - for education & safety
- **Trails** -- *See also the "Trail System" section in the Chollas Creek Enhancement Program, pages 39-46.*
 - walking/running trails (will trails also accommodate bicycles)
 - bike trails
 - bridges and access to post office
 - decomposed granite surface
 - trails should allow for "nature walks" theme/feel
 - consider Title 24/ADA requirements
 - involve kids

- **Invasive Vegetation Maintenance**
 - children can perhaps help keep ground area clean
 - community involved in clean-ups
 - beautification of Chollas Creek should be sustained (M.A.D.)
- **Landscape** -- *See also "Landscaping" in the Chollas Creek Enhancement Plan (pages 35-38)]*
 - oak trees (BIG)
 - shade (from trees) and bench areas for reading
 - no palm trees (attracts rats) – consider plant selection for vector control
 - retain native flora and fauna
 - geyser fountains (from ground)
 - asphalt removal – make a display from it
 - shallow well to reclaim water for landscaping
 - watering of vegetation
- **Lighting**
 - solar lights
 - consider nocturnal wildlife/environmentally friendly
 - reflect around time of year
- **Fences (generally not wanted)**
 - Often signs of exclusion: "stay out" --ugly and sends wrong message
 - "softer" design, possibly made of wood could be considered
- **Avoid Pollution**
 - design to keep pollution out of creek
 - Avoid/prevent urban runoff into the creek
- **Security & Hours of Operations**

Consider the following:

 - noise level
 - gang control congregating day & night
 - drug dealers
 - policing
 - homeless
 - kids need places to go/play
- **Amenities**
 - restrooms
 - picnic area (with trash & recycle bins)
 - drinking fountains
- **Control Costs**

- Costs per meeting? -- *Costs will be provided at the 9/14 meeting*
 - purchase more trees rather than more meetings
 - Consider long-term maintenance (cost and who will be responsible) –
*See “Maintenance” section (page 81) of the Chollas Creek
Enhancement Program*
 - Develop stewardship from the community
- **Recreational Park Area** (These issues relate to the Jacobs Foundation’s Youth Park currently in the planning phase)
 - skateboarding (at own risk)
 - soccer field
 - consider legal liabilities
 - consider having supervision
 - consider flooding from creek